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Our Historic Prayer Book

By The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves

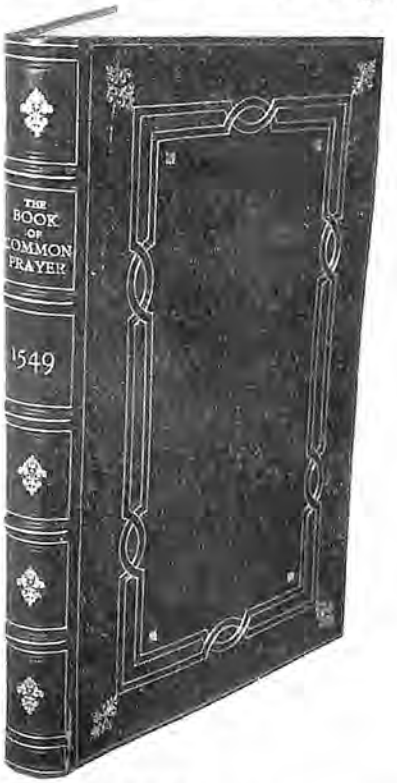
Episcopalians in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are particularly interested in the story of our Prayer Book. We have here in Philadelphia, many of the old Prayer Books. Also it was here our first American Prayer Book was adopted.

We therefore, are intensely interested in this commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the printing of the first Prayer Book in English. An extensive exhibit of old and unusual Prayer Books will be held in the Free Library of Philadelphia, on the Parkway at 19th Street, beginning April 1, and lasting until April 17. There you will be able to see for the first time a collection of many old and historic Prayer Books.

On such an occasion as this observance, many people will be asking, "How did we get our Prayer Book?" While Whitsunday June 9, 1549, marks the date of the printing of the first Prayer Book in English, yet the Prayer Book is much older than that. On the other hand, it is not just a very ancient book, for it is as up to date as aeroplanes. The Prayer Book is not the product of any one age or nation, but is the accumulation of prayers and services from the time of the early Church down to our age today.

Formal prayers and set forms of services go back to the earliest Christian days. Writings of the early Church leaders, which are now available to us, give accounts of the form of the Eucharist in the second, third and fourth centuries. The Greek Liturgies of St. Chrysostom and St. Basil in the fourth century are well known to us, as well as many others. In the West, the Sacramentaries of Leo in 450, of Gelasius in 492, of Gregory in 590 can be easily traced in our Prayer Book. Out of these came the Sarum Use, which was followed pretty generally in the Church of England just before the Reformation.

Preceding the publication of the first Prayer Book in English, there had been translations of services in English for the use of the people in their homes. These were known as Primers. Some of these English Primers were officially authorized by Henry VIII. One of the copies of these first Primers published in 1545 is here in our Divinity School. Many Psalters were also translated and we have copies of those. In 1544 an official version of the Litany in English came out. Similarly, an Order of the Holy Communion was made in English in 1548.



Rare Copy of 1549 Book of Common Prayer

Archbishop Cranmer in issuing the first Prayer Book in English, naturally drew upon these earlier attempts at English translations. It is well to keep in mind, that the Holy Scriptures were also just being put into the common tongue. Tyndale had made his translation of the New Testament in 1525, for which he was condemned, and of course many copies of his work destroyed. Later in 1535, Miles Coverdale published his English translation of the Old and New Testament, which he followed by several revisions. Chief among these was his Great Bible, which received the sanction and authorization of Henry VIII and came out in 1540. It was from a 1541 edition of Coverdale's Great Bible that the scripture passages in the first English Prayer Book were taken. Later on the King James version, published in 1661, was used as the Prayer Book translation. The Prayer Book version of the Psalms is still from Coverdale's Great Bible, and it is thought by many to be more melodious and expressive than the Authorized Version. Original editions of these wonderful old Bibles will be on exhibition at the Library to show how we got our Prayer Book. It is well to remind ourselves and others who may not know our Prayer Book, that about 95 per cent of its contents is taken from the Bible.

Henry VIII died in 1547, and was succeeded by his young son, Edward VI. Cranmer prepared and issued the First Prayer Book of Edward VI in 1549. The date for its official use was set for Whitsunday June 9, 1549. However several printings were made, one in March and one in May. Some parish Churches therefore used the book as

early as March 6 or 7. Only a very few copies of these early editions are now in existence. We have been most fortunate to come across the May edition, or printing, here in Philadelphia and it will appear in our exhibition. To no one does the Prayer Book owe so much as to Archbishop Cranmer. Its literary character and compilation is due to him. The influence of this book on the religious life and on the English language is second only to that of the English Bible. The Prayer Book was a careful revision in English of the old service books, together with the composition of many new prayers.

The conservative element in England, commonly referred to as the Catholic Party, disliked the book because of its innovations and omissions of the medieval services, doctrines and ceremonial. The Reformers, sometimes called The Protestants, did not like it, because it contained too much of the old, and did not go far enough in innovation. Because the Reformers predominated, a revision was started, which culminated in a Second Prayer Book of Edward VI, issued in 1552. This book omitted some of the form and ritual, and departed from many of the medieval customs. This Second Prayer Book in English is closer to our own Prayer Book today.

Edward soon died, and was succeeded by Mary in 1553. She suppressed the English Book and restored the Latin services again, returning to many medieval customs. When Elizabeth came to the throne she brought back the English Services again with the publication of the book of 1559, which was substantially the same as that of 1552, but with several concessions to the conservative party. All the time, however the Puritan Party in England was demanding changes in services. When James I, came to the throne in 1603 they hoped to get the Prayer Book revised in their favor, but it continued practically the same. This finally led to the suppression of the Prayer Book in 1645 by the Puritans and Presbyterians and lasted for many years. Its use was made a penal offense. It was not until 1661 that the Prayer Book came back. A revision was attempted but very few changes were made. This is the Prayer Book which is in use in the Church of England today. A thorough revision was made in 1927, but it failed to pass the House of Parliament, so that the Prayer Book of 1662 is still the official book of the English Church.

Special Prayer authorized by Bishop Hart for use in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

Almighty God, our Heavenly God, who didst lead thy servants to translate the services of thy Church into a language understood of the people, and to gather them together into the Book of Common Prayer; Make us ever thankful for this our heritage of worship, that praying with the spirit and with the understanding, we may truly magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In America, this book of 1662, was in use until the time of the American Revolution. In 1776, the prayer for His Majesty was changed to read, "All in authority, legislative, executive and judicial in these United States." Copies of these hand-changed Prayer Books have been seen by many, as they are exhibited in old Christ Church. An attempt at revision of the American Prayer Books was being made and a Proposed Book was issued in 1785. It however departed too far from the English Book, and was not acceptable to the Church in the United States. In 1789 the first American Book of Common Prayer was issued, and it was very largely based upon the English Book. The most important change was in the Communion Service. The prayer of Consecration was made to conform to that of the Scottish Service. Bishop Seabury, the first Bishop of the American Church had been consecrated in Scotland in 1784. This no doubt had considerable influence, but it also brought the service closer to the early Christian services. In 1792, the Ordinal was added, and subsequently the Consecration of a Church, the Thirty-nine Articles, and the Institution of Ministers.

Talk of revision had been going on for a long time. Finally in 1892 a new Prayer Book was put out, but on the whole it did not differ greatly from anything in the past. A beautiful copy of the Standard Book of Common Prayer was issued at this time, and placed in the care of a Custodian. Copies of this edition are to be on exhibit.

The last revision of our book was made in 1928. Again it is not a departure from the past, but the additions of special prayers, the omission of obsolete phrases and ideas, give to the book a greater beauty and flexibility.

The Prayer Book has been translated into many languages. Of special interest to us are the more recent translations into Italian, Spanish and Indian.

There are Prayer Books of various sizes, some too large to hold, some too small to read. The finest product of the printer's art has gone into the making of the Prayer Book. The bindings are often of the finest leather. Some books are covered in plush and metal, some profusely illuminated by hand, but all are precious to those who use them, and for the story that they tell.

The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves with 1549 Book of Common Prayer.

LITTLE TALKS ON THE EPISCOPATE

Published by the Committee on the Enlargement of the Fund for its Endowment

IV. The Bishop as Administrator and Legislator

Charles William Eliot once said that his work as president of Harvard, though much more varied and interesting than that of most men, was yet nineteen-twentieths drudgery. (Life, by Henry James Jr., II, 44-45). The head of a diocese, and especially the head of a populous and old diocese, cannot escape a considerable quantum of drudgery, for his is the ultimate responsibility for its property and finances, and for the diocesan religious education, social service, recruiting for the ministry; for the development of new areas of work, appointments to missions, recommendations to parishes, and many other affairs. But we should enable him to delegate to others all but the important or essential decisions, so that he may have proper time for the proper discharge of his vital functions.

The Diocesan is legislator as well as administrator. Our Diocesan Convention appears to be simply the age-old synod of the diocese, with the laity added. Note that there are three orders represented in Convention, not two: bishops, other clergy, and laity. Nothing may be done without the concurrence of all three. The Diocesan serves as president of Convention, and so appoints after its adjournment the members of all permanent and special committees not elected directly by Convention itself. These appointments represent a considerable task requiring a wide acquaintance with the personalities and aptitudes of the clergy and laity of the diocese.

WHERE CONVOCATIONS WILL MEET

The various convocations of the Diocese will hold their spring meetings according to the following schedule: May 10, North Philadelphia, Free Church of St. John, Emerald and Elkhart Streets; May 12, West Philadelphia, St. James Church, Kingsessing; May 17, Germantown, Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville; May 19, Chester (Women) St. George's Church, Ardmore; May 24, Chester, Church Farm School, Glen Loch; May 24, South Philadelphia, Memorial Church of St. Paul, 15th and Porter Streets; May 26, Norristown, Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge.

Bishop Hart's Message

The Diocese of Pennsylvania has always been a great missionary-minded diocese. Bishop Remington has said to me many times, "The opportunities for church extension are just as real in this diocese as they are in a missionary district." In selecting a Suffragan Bishop, whose primary responsibility will be the Diocesan Missions and Aided Parishes, I hope that we will be guided to choose a true missionary. I should like to see a priest elected who has such a strong record of missionary activity that he can be expected to give close attention to our present Missions and wise guidance in locating new Missions. As one layman has expressed it, "With enough time for each place, he can see the problems and possibilities facing the local work, know what to expect, and then expect it!"

We want a Suffragan who will be zealous and also have knowledge of good policies of Church extension. It may be necessary to place a priest in charge of two or more Missions and then give him able lay-readers to assist. Mr. R. B. Kahle, President of Eastern States Petroleum Company, Houston, Texas, has pointed out in a recent article that there are only 30 more clergy on the active list in the entire Episcopal Church in the United States than there were in 1935! (I would be glad to loan my copy of Mr. Kahle's article to you if you are interested.) The shortage of clergy makes it extremely difficult to fill our smaller places with able men. A recent survey indicates that right now there is a minimum provable need for at least 1,023 clergy—yet it looks as if in 1949 there will be a net gain of only 3, exclusive of the number we can get from England and Canada. (The total number of graduates from our 11 Divinity Schools this year will be 190 and the Church Pension Fund estimates that 187 clergy will terminate their ministry through death or retirement.)

A number of laymen have signified their willingness to help in the Missions. They will need training and careful oversight if their work is to be effective. I know that the oversight of all this work will tax the ability and strength of the new Suffragan. He will have a big and important work in leading the Diocese in a real advance.

Therefore, pray for your delegates to our Diocesan Convention that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their choice of a Suffragan Bishop. And may this be a Blessed Easter for you all.

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

Inquirer Photo

The Ordination of the Rev. Robert M. Baur, Priest. Bishop Hart and the Rev. Messrs. Long, Stockman, Kloman, Jefferys, Worthey.

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL MAY FETE CARD PARTY

Mrs. Robert Toland is again opening her home for a benefit bridge on Thursday, April 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Tables $5.00; single tickets $1.25. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own cards. Proceeds will aid in defraying the expenses of the Annual May Fete to be held this year on the grounds of the Episcopal Hospital, May 25th, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Luncheon and supper as usual. To reach Mrs. Toland's home take a Chestnut Hill and Lansdale Bus on Route 309 (Bethlehem Pike) to Church Road (Route 73). It is the third house on the left-hand side of Church Road above St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh. Tickets for the card party are on sale at the Church House.

INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS

During last summer 114 students were enrolled in the Student Rural Field Service Program under the auspices of the National Council in cooperation with seminaries. Seventy-five of these students were enrolled in the National Town-Country Church Institute at Park College, Parkville, Missouri. Twenty-two were given a vocational aptitude test with the following results:

1.—Only one of the group tested showed any interest in common with farmers.
2.—They all showed a high range of humanitarian interests, but very low in religious interests.
3.—There were only two "conservatives" in the entire group, the rest being either "liberals" or "radicals."

YOUTH CONFERENCE IN SWITZERLAND

An international Youth Leaders Course has been scheduled for May 9-June 2 as part of the regular program of the Ecumenical Institute located at Celigny, Switzerland. The Institute is under the auspices of the World Council of Churches.

This course is especially for youth leaders, both clergy and lay, men and women, who have had some national or diocesan experience, but who would like further training in ecumenical concerns. Students will have an opportunity to exchange experiences of methods and problems of youth work, to examine the relationship of their work to the general task of the churches, and to deepen their own understanding of the Christian faith.

Applicants should be preferably between the ages of 20 and 36. A "listening" knowledge of French or German is required. There are no formal educational requirements although applicants should be able to demonstrate intellectual maturity. Expenses are borne by the applicant. Applications should be sent in by March. Inquiries can be addressed to the Rev. William Crittenden, Division of Youth, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The Empty Tomb

by
THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON
Suffragan Bishop

The shadow of the Cross falls more sharply over the Empty Tomb of Christ this Easter; it shades a world in confusion. For many sufferers, the cold war is a Cross so terrible that they cannot feel the promise of any resurrection. All through the sacrifices and suffering of World War II we could see ultimate victory for democracy and human rights. But now the enemy (a former ally) is entrenched behind an Iron Curtain and the shadows lengthen. God is teaching us that the Cross is not enough. Without the preaching of the Empty Tomb, Christianity could never have conquered the pagan world and started a new chapter in human history. Those early martyrs went to their deaths with a song on their lips because they believed in eternal life and a victorious and ever living Christ.

The miracle of Easter is not so much what happened outside the walls of Jerusalem when the Stone was rolled away as that which has kept on happening ever since. A living Christ still imparts His resurrection life to those who, with humble and penitent hearts, come to thousands of altars on Easter morning. We don't have to explain it; nearly two thousand years of history do that for us.

Christ Himself was not annihilated no matter what happened on that third day after the crucifixion. He lives on and His influence increases. His thoughts, His message, His spirit are more alive today than ever they were when He lived on earth. It is literally true that the insignificant change we call death had no dominion over Him.

When we shall see Him as He is, a living Personality, we shall lay hold on eternal life and take part in His victory over sin, suffering, and death. The place to find Him is in His Body the Church, the continuation of His Incarnation, the guardian Mother of His Risen Life. Not in the form in which so many unthinking Christians have accepted Him, but in a living force more powerful than all the inventions of modern man, even the atomic bomb. Nothing can stop Him when once we release His power fully in our world.

That vast new forces are at work to undermine and destroy the Message of the Empty Tomb, no one can doubt. However, they that be with us are stronger than all the forces of evil if once we could restore our faith in a living Risen Christ. Is it too much to ask or pray that a miracle may take place when we all kneel together at the altar on Easter, 1949? Such a miracle may occur when our blinded eyes are open and we see beyond the world's formal acceptances of Easter and its fashion parades. Christ must become a dynamic force, a living word, translated into character, influence, and dominance in every area of man's living. This is the challenge to the Church.

Life is God, and we are His instruments to bring in His Kingdom! He lives; reach forth your hands and freely take that He may dwell in you and you in Him.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

Annual Meeting

Be sure to save the day and evening of Monday, May 2nd, for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of the Annual Meeting of the Penna. Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Our birthday will be a memorable occasion, and will offer such a variety in program and hours as to permit many from each parish and mission to attend.

The morning from 10:30, will be devoted to the United Thank offering Sixtieth Annual Presentation and Communion Service, at St. Clement's Church, 20th & Cherry Streets. Bishop Hart will celebrate and preach.

Immediately afterwards, in the parish house, a Platter Luncheon, at $.50, will be served, followed by an organ recital by Thomas Dunn, Organist of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, providing musical enjoyment and relaxation from 1 to 2 P.M.

At 2 P.M. the Business Meeting will begin, featuring a talk by Mrs. John E. Hill on "Where We Were," details of which are given elsewhere on this page. There will be brief annual reports from members of the Diocesan Board, showing—"Where We Are," and election of officers. Then, between 3:30 and 4 P.M. there will be an interval of hymn-singing, as a preparation for the second part of the afternoon program, arranged so that women who are not able to attend the whole meeting, will not miss this high-light, beginning at 4 o'clock, coincident with the opening of the Diocesan Convention, making it convenient for many women from outlying places to come in with their rectors or delegates.

This high-light will be four short addresses by our guest speakers of the day, each one of them worthy of being *the* speaker of the day, but for this Seventy-fifth Celebration we have secured them all, to talk on different aspects of "The Christian Witness." The Committee proudly announces the speakers: Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker, of New York City, Mrs. Theodore O. Wedell, of Washington, Mrs. William T. Heath, of Buffalo, and our own Mrs. Alfred Chapman, President of the National Board of the Woman's Auxiliary. Evensong with installation of officers follows at 5:30 P.M.

A Buffet Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. for $1.50. (Be sure to make reservations) followed by adjournment to the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, for the:

Joint Meeting with the Diocesan Convention to hear addresses by Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington, also by Mrs. U. Grant Beath, President of the Woman's Auxiliary. Surely every woman in the Diocese will want to share in these celebrations.

In the light of the 75th Anniversary, we are paying special honor to all members of the Woman's Auxiliary who are 75 years of age or over.

This is the first invitation to all such to take front seats at the opening of the Annual Meeting at 2:00 P.M. at St. Clement's Church.

PACKAGE TEA
Tuesday, April 19th—2 to 4 P.M.
Church House, 202 S. 19th St.
Benefit of Founder's Committee
of the Co-Operative Shop
(The Bishop's Discretionary Fund)
Speaker:
The Bishop of the Diocese
Auspices of Pennsylvania Branch
of the Woman's Auxiliary
Admission:
One or more salable articles
for the Shop

Summer Conferences

Will you go to a Summer Conference? The Second Province sponsors two, both in Virginia, Shrine Mont, June 6-10, is primarily Woman's Auxiliary and the program of the Church. Sweet Briar, June 13-18, for men and women, has as its theme, "The Religion of the Prayer Book." Attendance at either Conference will give you a heightened sense of the importance of Church work, and help you to do a better job as a Christian witness. The Church House will have complete programs at an early date. Be making plans to go with others from your parish.

The Perambulating Mission Shop

Since there are still many people who do not know about the lovely articles that are for sale in the Mission Shop, and since there are also many others unable to get into town to visit the Shop, arrangements are now being made to go out to various suburban parishes, preferably on the days of their Auxiliary meetings, with a variety of handicrafts that are made by the people in the Missions. Two or three tables would be the only items necessary to provide; members of the Mission Shop Committee would assume all other responsibilities for the sale. This is an excellent way of making known the work of those in the foreign and domestic missions, and is a valuable contribution to the support of the missions themselves. For further information, please contact the Chairman of the Mission Shop, Miss Elizabeth G. Lea, by writing her at the Shop, 202 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Remember These Dates

All Saints' Hospital (Home for Consumptives) Chestnut Hill, will have a Fashion Show and Bridge Party, sponsored by the Woman's Board, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, St. Martin's, April 19th, at 2 P.M. $5.00 per table, $1.25 per person.

Dessert Bridge at Christ Church Hospital, 48th & Monument Road, on Thursday, April 28th at 1:30 P.M. Tables $5.00. Single tickets $1.25 (tax inc.) Prizes.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

Just as the festival of Easter marks a turning point in the Church calendar, so does it herald new and different activities in the programs and projects of the Churchwoman's Club. During the early part of April, the Lenten character of the regular Tuesday evening meetings will be preserved, with Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, of St. Peters in the Great Valley, speaking at 7:15 P.M. on April 5th, following the usual tea at 4:00 and supper at 6:15.

The last in the series of four Shakespearean lectures, by Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, will be given at the Club's headquarters, 1919 Walnut St., on Wednesday afternoon, April 6th at 2:30 P.M., when the distinguished Professor Emeritus from Princeton University will discuss "Prospero's Magic Mantle" from "The Tempest." Those not holding season tickets, or who have missed the preceding delightful addresses, may be admitted by a donation to the Library Fund, and tea will be served.

Conforming to custom, no meeting will be held on the Tuesday in Holy Week, April 12th, but immediately after Easter, to use a popular expression, "spring will be bustin' out all over." On Tuesday, April 19th, another "arm-chair tour," via Trans-World Airlines motion pictures, of The Great Southwest, is planned at 7:15 P.M., and on the same evening a new innovation, sponsored by Miss Elsie Jamieson, President, will be tried —an evening card party for those mem-

bers who are unable to attend the regularly scheduled afternoon card parties. This is not only an effort to have more members visit the Club, and use its facilities, but it is hoped will provide a source of income for the sorely-needed improvement of some of those facilities. Not to be outdone, the committee in charge of the day-time card parties announces one for the very next day, Wednesday, April 20th, at 2:00 P.M. Thus, the Club hopes to serve the convenience of more of its members. The month's program will be concluded with a musical evening on Tuesday, April 26th, to be presented by Mrs. George Stewart and Mrs. Letitia Radcliffe Harris.

The Club's officers and executive board are giving much study to "ways and means" for long-delayed and necessary repairs to the club house. One proposal, in which *all* members can participate, is a "recipe exchange," through which a member will send in her favorite, or "special," cooking recipe to be read out at meetings, whereupon each person desiring it may take notes or have a copy at the nominal fee of ten cents. Several "palate-ticklers" are already in circulation, and once again the Club demonstrates its purpose to cater to the material as well as the spiritual needs of its membership February 28, 1949.

SEEK GREATEST GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE

Among the clergy of our Diocese the Rev. Messrs. Gateson, Jefferys, and Kloman are members of the Citizens' Good Friday Observance Committee of Philadelphia which has been in session for several months planning its Lenten campaign for the observance of Good Friday, April 15.

Its efforts have been spurred by a far-reaching attack on religion, ordered and directed by Moscow, as evidenced by the "confessions" of the Bulgarian ministers of God and the mock trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.

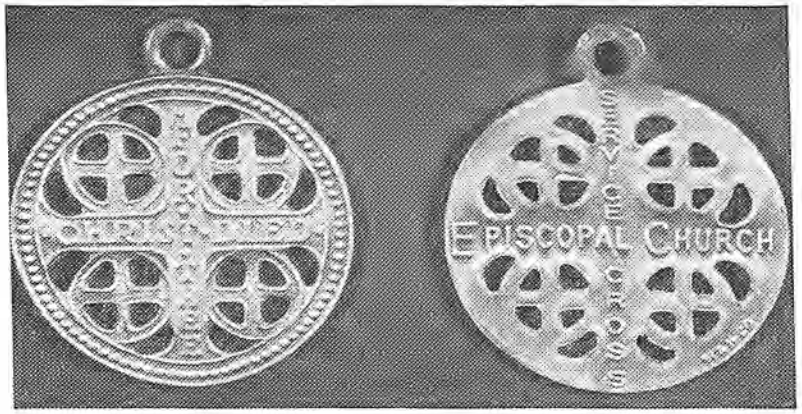
Hundreds of business houses in the Philadelphia area will close on Good Friday. Others will close part of the day. Office buildings will adopt "cross" illumination one or two nights during Holy Week, and shop windows will give ample evidence in encouragement to observe Good Friday. Radio broadcasts will also spread the message.

Attractive signs reading "Observe Good Friday," and "Closed Good Friday from Noon to 3 P.M." are available and may be obtained by writing the headquarters office of the committee at 923 Locust Street, Philadelphia 7.

DIOCESAN CHOIR ORGANIZING

You may become a member of the Diocesan Choir whose activities this season will culminate in the great service to be held in Holy Trinity Church on the evening of Whitsunday, June 5, in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Prayer Book. The first meeting of the choir for organization and rehearsal will be held on the first Wednesday after Easter, April 20, at 8 p.m. in St. Mark's Parish House, 1625 Locust Street. All choirmasters of the Diocese are asked to send choir members who have some facility in sight reading. Interested persons who are not choir members are also welcome and are asked to report at 7:45 for a simple try-out. Mr. Edward S. Siddall is the director of the choir which will also sing at the Diocesan Convention on Monday evening, May 2, at Holy Trinity Church, and on Ascension Day evening, May 26, at a festival service at St. Luke's, Germantown.

NEW CHURCH SERVICE CROSS AVAILABLE



Recently the Army and Navy Division of the National Council released a notice that the Episcopal Church Service Cross is now available, and that a Service for Presentation of the Cross had been prepared. The response from clergy has been less than would be anticipated when it is recalled that there are at present from 35,000 to 50,000 enlistments in the armed services each month. Surely many of these young people are members of the Episcopal Church, and their parishes should give them the Service Cross, Soldiers' and Sailors' Prayer Book, and the Identification Card. All of these are supplied by the Army and Navy Division without cost to the parishes.

The Episcopal Church Service Cross is of the same general design as the War Crosses used in both World Wars. The center Cross is formed of four Tau Crosses with lower ends meeting, representing the displacement of the Law by the Gospels which are typified by the four small crosses.

The cross now known as the Jerusalem Cross was originally on the coat of arms of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. It was known as the fivefold Cross, symbolic of the five wounds of our Lord at the Crucifixion.

A cross of this design was the coat of arms of Godfrey of Bouillon, the first ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem. It was then embodied in the shields, banners and coats of arms of the Crusaders, and eventually became the Crusader's Cross. In addition to symbolizing the five wounds, it was said to represent the Crusades from Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, the large center cross for Great Britain, the smaller crosses for the four other countries.

This style of cross is sometimes used as the emblem of missionary work, the large center cross representing the original Church in Jerusalem, and the smaller crosses indicating the four corners of the earth to which Christianity was spread through missionary endeavor.

The Church War Cross was designed under the direction of Mrs. James DeWolf Perry, wife of the late Bishop of Rhode Island and Presiding Bishop, during World War I for the Army and Navy Commission of the Church. Each Episcopal Church member entering the armed forces was given one. The same cross was used in World War II.

The new crosses have the wording "Episcopal Church Service Cross" inscribed on the back instead of the words "Church War Cross II."

Department of Christian Education

Vacation Church Schools 1949

APRIL: but not too early to be thinking of Vacation Church Schools for your Parish or Community. Leisure hours are dangerous if not put to good use. Two months of holidays for school children must not go to waste. The Church needs the children and vice versa—so think, pray, plan for your Parish children and their neighborhood friends, so that 1949 will be remembered by them with joy and gladness.

"Room 30" will help you if you need aid in planning, and who does not need assistance these days.

The Vacation Church School Institute (under the Philadelphia Council of Churches) will help in training your young teachers—six Saturday mornings, April 30th through June 11th. The general subject at the institute this year will be The Bible. Help in hand work and recreation, too.

INFORMATION: Again—"Room 30"

Study Groups on the Prayer Book

During Lent parishes throughout the Diocese are meeting weekly to study the Prayer Book. While we have no definite figures as to the exact number conducting Study Groups, it is safe to say there at no time in the past have so many people been engaged in such a concerted effort to learn something about their Church and its worship.

The pamphlets entitled "The Prayer Book Speaks in Our Uncertain Age," put out by the National Council are being generally used as the basis of study. They have the advantage of creating discussion, so that the people generally discover the value of the Prayer Book for themselves.

PRESENTATION SERVICE
of the
LENTEN OFFERING

Sunday, May 22, 1949 4:00 p.m.

Speaker, the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, rector, St. James Church, Prospect Park and a former missionary to Puerto Rico.

Episcopal Academy, 57th and City Line.

Note: Choir Directors please train choirs to sing Hymns 262 "Remember All the People" and 263, Tune "Mc Kee," "In Christ there is No East or West"—1940 Hymnal. The Lenten Guide contains music for those who do not use this hymnal.

If any parishes have not been able to conduct such Study Groups in Lent, it is hoped that they will plan to do so as soon as possible. They will be stimulated and benefitted by the interest aroused through the observance of the 400th Anniversary of the printing of the first Prayer Book in English.

Diocesan Summer Youth Conference

Haverford College—Site of Summer Conference—July 3rd-9th

The lovely campus of Haverford College will be the scene of the diocesan Youth Conference again this summer. This news will be hailed with delight by the young people who spent a glorious five days there last year under the gracious hospitality of the Haverford College staff. The Rev. Aaron Manderbach will again be dean of the conference and we hope there will be many familiar faces among both the faculty and conferees.

Dates and Data for Young Churchmen

There are so many events of importance in the next few months that we can do no more than call them to your attention and ask you to give them due consideration. This is the season of the High C's—Communion, Conventions and Conferences. Consider carefully and congregate, we be-C-ch you!

April 24—G.F.S. Annual Worship Service—Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.

April 30—DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION—Episcopal Academy—Speaker, Rev. Walter N. Welsh, Syracuse, N. Y.—Business meeting, election of office, supper, dance.

May 15—NATIONWIDE CORPORATE COMMUNION—It's not too soon to prepare for this: to invite every young person in the parish by word of mouth; to plan a breakfast.

May 15—Y.P.F. Diocesan Convention—Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Street.

May 20-22—All Youth Conference—Province of Washington. Camp Hilltop, Downingtown.

June 19-25—Valley Forge Summer Conference.

July 3-9—DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE—Haverford College.

September 29-October 2nd — NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION—San Francisco. The Diocese of Pennsylvania will be represented by two youth representatives and an advisor—which is the authorized representation of each diocese.

Keep these dates in mind. For information about any of the above, call Room 30 Church House (SPruce 4-6650).

Typical Parish Study Group.

In the Diocese

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The Rev. Francis W. Voelcker, former curate of St. Mark's Church is now in St. Paul's Parish, Kenwood, Chicago. Address: 4945 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

Calvary Church, Conshohocken, is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

The new window in the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, depicting the infancy of Jesus, according to a bronze plaque, to the right of the altar is dedicated "To the Glory of God and as a tribute to the many years of loving and faithful service of William Newman Parker and Mary Chester Parker."

On Palm Sunday there will be a reunion of all men who have sung in the choir of the Church of the Advocate since it was first organized on April 9, 1888. On the same day there will be an exhibit of sacred vessels, altar hangings, linens, candle sticks, and alms basins.

Members of the Daughters of the King representing the parish branches of this organization in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, recently participated in a service at St. James Church, Kingsessing, when there was a presentation of their self-denial offering.

The Sunday School of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, is now under the leadership of Miss Claire Prifold. A new class of "teen-agers" is taught by Miss Nell Kerr. A hobby club for boys meets in the parish house on Friday evenings, specializing in model trains.

Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, has arranged for cottage prayer meetings five nights in the week throughout Lent in the homes of parishioners.

The Rev. Allen F. Kremer, our Church's Chaplain on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. William X. Smith, rector of St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust Streets, have co-operated in planning activities for students and young people on Sunday nights in March. There has been a service of Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.; supper at 6:30 p.m.; and the rest of the evening has been divided into various "interest groups."

A new Altar Service Book has been presented to Calvary Church, Conshohocken, in loving memory of the Misses Mary, Alice, and Elsie Buckle, devoted members of the parish, especially interested in the work of the Altar Guild.

Miss Kathryn Simpers recently began work as Parish Secretary of Christ Church, Second Street above Market.

The Rev. William J. Dietrich, Jr., rector recently dedicated a new silk American flag for use in procession at Calvary Church, Germantown, the gift of Mrs. Clarence Thomas.

Bishop and Mrs. Hart spent a brief pre-Lenten vacation in Havana, Cuba, as guests of the Rev. E. B. Mowers, dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Mrs. Mowers. The Bishop of Pennsylvania preached in the Cathedral during his sojourn.

Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, organist and choirmaster at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street, was recently honored by the South Jersey Chapter, American Guild of Organists with a festival of his music at Vineland, N. J., when the combined choirs of the area gave an entire program of compositions of Dr. Matthews.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Chang, Bishop of Fukien, China, preached recently in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Mark's Church and St. Stephen's Church.

The annual Corporate Communion for the men and boys of the Diocese was held at St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust Street, on Washington's birthday, followed by breakfast at a near-by hotel when Mr. Francis L. Chesterman spoke on "The Church Militant."

The Rev. Jacob A. Winterstein, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, recently spoke to the students at the Westtown Friends' School on "The Episcopal Church."

The Germantown Choral Society recently presented Bach's Chorale No. 75 in Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

On Thursday nights in Lent at All Saints' Church, Darby, there have been a series of dinner meetings with visiting speakers, among whom were Mr. Freas B. Snyder, Rev. H. S. Paynter, Dean Shreiner, Professor Nelson W. Rightmyer, and the Rev. Peter C. van der Heil.

The Rev. Jacob Ashton Winterstein recently celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his rectorship at the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Mr. Francis L. Van Dusen has been elected to the vestry of Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late Judge Van Dusen.

"Advocate Associates" is the name of a new organization connected with the George W. South Memorial Church of the advocate, 18th & Diamond Streets. It is to be composed of former members of the parish and other persons interested in the church and its work. An annual subscription fee will be asked.

Mr. Albert Behringer, a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School, has been engaged to assist in the work of the Church School at St. James Church, Prospect Park.

The speaker at the Lenten Offering Presentation Service at the Episcopal Academy on Sunday, May 8th, will be the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, rector of St. James Church, Prospect Park.

Group B of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas Church, 52nd & Parrish streets, collects, repairs, and supplies at little or no cost, shoes for infants, children and adults. Used but repairable shoes are needed to continue this work. Address: Mrs Rose Stewart, President, 15 N. 40th Street. Phone BAring 2-7311; Mrs. Lolita Bluford, Secretary, 5619 W. Girard Avenue, phone GRanite 3-7043.

St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks County, has received a legacy of Five Thousand Pounds from the estate of Miss Helen Elizabeth Comfort Crookshank, of London, England. The sum has been added to the endowment of the parish and placed in trust with the Church Foundation.

To aid the Christian education of worthy Church boys, and to help the Choir School by increasing its enrollment and income, parishioners of St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, are being asked for scholarships of $150.00 to cover a year's tuition.

The Rev. John W. Walker recently dedicated a gold and silver chalace and paten for use in the Huntingdon Valley Chapel, Meadowbrook, in loving memory of Cordelia Stewart. The Church School building has recently been extensively renovated and enlarged by the addition of two new class rooms.

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The Rev. Craig E. Eder, rector of St. Thomas' Church, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., recently spoke to the women of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, where his father is rector, on "Pastoral Work in Missions."

Race Relations Sunday was observed in Christ Church, Second Street, with a combined service with members of St. Augustine's Church, 2026 Columbia avenue. The service was conducted by the rectors of both parishes, the music was sung by choirs from the two churches, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Randolph C. Miller, of the faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Under the auspices of The Round Table a "Coffee Hour" has been conducted in the parish house of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, following the Sunday morning service.

The Rev. Joseph Gibson, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Morton, recently visited the Y. P. F. of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, to discuss the Roman Catholic Church and the influence of the Pope on world affairs.

The organ in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, which has had no major repairs for 25 years, is now being renovated part by part—a process which will be spread over most of the summer.

A male organist over 18 years of age is needed to play at the City Mission Service at the Eastern State Penitentiary on Sunday mornings at 9 a. m. There will be a nominal compensation to cover expenses. Anyone interested should communicate with the Rev. Alfred M. Smith, 502 West Avenue, Jenkintown, Pa. Telephone: Ogontz 1268 J.

The Rev. J. Jarden Guenther showed pictures of Sweden, Norway, and Finland taken by him on a trip abroad last summer at the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia, under the auspices of the Women's Guild.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of West Philadelphia held a card party at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator to raise money to help defray the cost of a scholarship for a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

In the sanctuary of the chapel in the parish house of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia, an electric organ has been dedicated as a memorial to the late Irving C. Hancock, organist and choirmaster of the parish from 1922 to 1946.

Christ Church (Media) Chronicle, issued weekly, lists birthdays and wedding anniversaries. It also contains an interesting account of the recently instituted "Parish Eucharist," where parents are given the opportunity to worship with their children.

On Wednesday nights during lent the Rev. Charles M. Coldren, Jr., professor of Theology at the Philadelphia Divinity School, lectured at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, on "The Fundamentals of the Christian Faith."

"*The Arizona Church Record*" states that the Rev. Robert P. Frazier, former rector of St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, has started a Canterbury Club among the students at Arizona State College at Flagstaff. Deep snows interferred with Mr. Frazier's scheduled visit to St. Andrew's Mission among the Havasupai Indians in the village of Supai, in Havasu Canyon.

Many of the suggested books for the study of the history, the romance, liturgy and sacraments of the Book of Common Prayer are to be found in the Diocesan Library. The Librarian will aid you in locating any book which you desire.

In our current "Classified Ad" column is an unusually interesting advertisement of an ivory miniature of Bishop White, the first Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George C. Anderson, rector of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, was one of five lecturers at Dickinson College during "Religion-in-Life-Week." His special subject was "Religion and Skepticism." The program, proposed by the faculty and managed by the students, was designed to present sound religious principles to the student body.

The eleven windows in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lansdale, have been thoroughly cleaned, releaded and repaired. Some necessary tuning and repair work has also been done on the organ.

The Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer, of the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School, has been giving a series of addresses on Great Personages of the Christian Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent at St. John's Church, Norristown.

The 25th Anniversary of the Rev. Herbert B. Satcher as vicar and rector of St. Aidan's Church, Cheltenham, was recently observed. The present building was erected under Mr. Satcher's administration, and the church has recently attained the status of an independent parish.

The Rev. Robert M. Baur, assistant at Christ Church, had a busy week recently. On Monday, Feb. 21st, at 9:00 a.m., he became the father of fine baby girl, Frances Catherine. On Friday, Feb. 25th, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Mr. Richard Torpin, Jr., since 1916 a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, has resigned that post. He has also served as Clerk of the Vestry, Accounting Warden, and Assistant Superintendent of the Church School.

On April 20th in the parish house of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, there will be a musical concert given by the following artists: Mrs. Letitia Radcliffe Harris, pianist; Mr. James E. Heckel, clarinetist. On May 6th the choir of this church, under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, Mr. Harry W. MacMillan, Jr., will render a secular concert in the parish house.

The March meeting of the Men's Club of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink, was observed as Father and Daughter Night.

The choir of St. Simeon's Church, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, recently sang at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, Ogontz and Chelten Avenues, at an afternoon service, when the preacher was the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, rector of Christ Church and St. Michaels, Germantown.

The Episcopal Academy

At the Annual Meeting of the Headmasters Association of the United States, held in New York in February, Dr. Greville Haslam, Headmaster of the Episcopal Academy, was elected President. The Headmasters Association, consisting of 25 High School Principals and 75 Preparatory School Headmasters, is a potent force in secondary education. All of the outstanding schools in the country are represented in its membership, and through the interchange of ideas made possible by the Association, great mutual benefit accrues to secondary schools. Dr. Haslam has been Secretary for the last six years and it is a great tribute to him and an honor to the School that he has been selected as the next President.

The annual Episcopal Academy Service will be held at the Church of the Redeemer on April 24th at 4 P.M. This Service is unusual and inspiring in that it presents an opportunity for the entire school family to assemble once a year to worship God. Trustees, Alumni, Parents, Faculty and students look forward to this annual regeneration of spirit which serves as a fitting reminder of the solid foundations upon which the Episcopal Academy was established and continues to flourish. This year the sermon will be delivered by Dr. Frederick J. Doolittle, senior member of the Academy Faculty and head of the Classics Department.

The 16th Biennial Hobby Show was held in the Gymnasium of the Upper School March 15th-17th. This year the displays and exhibitions were well up to the high standard of previous years. A total of 32 different areas of interest, including 458 individual entries, were represented. A new exhibition which attracted considerable interest was a children's book written and illustrated by L. Richard Williams, Jr., of the 6th Form.

A number of boys indulge in hobbies which cannot be displayed, such as music, magic and oratory. These hobbies were presented as a performance of individual talents and as such constituted a most interesting program. A debate with Haverford School was also included as part of the Hobby Show and this was well attended by parents and friends.

Recently the 3rd Form class in Pennsylvania History took an interesting trip to Pennhurst, which is near Morrisville on the Delaware River. Pennhurst is the original manor of William Penn, and the boys were keenly interested in seeing how a replica of old feudal estates in England had been transported to Colonial America. The trip was under the guidance of Mr. Harold D. Eberlein, Academy Alumnus of the Class of 1892. Mr. Eberlein is well-known as an historical author and is considered an authority on matters connected with the Colonial History of America.

The United States History class made its annual pilgrimage several weeks ago to the national Capital. All of the important shrines were visited, including the National Cathedral at St. Alban, and there was an opportunity to see much of the new and interesting machinery of the United States Government.

Downtown Church Services in Lent

In addition to those already published, there are other schedules of services in "down-town" parishes which are available for those who may find it convenient to supplement their parochial church attendance during this season.

At St. Mark's Church, 1652 Locust Street, services are announced as follows:

TUESDAYS—School of Religion, 5:15 (The Rector) "The Forgotten Book of Common Prayer: 1549-1949"

FRIDAYS—Litany, 12 noon. Confessions 12 to 1. Stations of the Cross, 8 P.M.

SATURDAYS—Confessions, 12 to 1 and 4 to 5 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY — Holy Communion 7, 7:45. Matins 7:30. Solemn High Eucharist, Holy Communion, Procession to Alter of Repose & Sermon, 9:30. Evensong, 5:30.

GOOD FRIDAY—Matins, 7:45. Commemoration of the Passion, 12 to 3 (Litany, Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts, Evensong & Addresses on "Seven Words from the Cross." Confessions, 3 to 4. Compline 5:30.

EASTER EVEN—Matins and Altar Service, 7:45. Blessing of the Paschal Candle & Evensong, 5. Confessions, 12 to 1, 4 to 5 and 8 to 9.

EASTER DAY—Holy Communion, 8, 9. Matins, 10:30. Procession, Solemn High Eucharist & Sermon, 11. Choral Evensong, 4.

Special preachers during April at St. Mark's Church will be:

April 1—The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

April 6—The Rev. William N. Lanigan, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Pa.

April 8—The Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, 3rd, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

April 13—The Rev. William B. Stimson, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, Pa.

At Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Delaware Avenue and Christian Street, each day in Lent there is a service with address at 12:55. On Wednesdays and Fridays the Women's Guild of the parish serves a sixty-cent lunch in the parish house before and after the service. Visiting preachers during April will be as follows:

April 1—Friday, Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, Epiphany, Germantown.

4—Monday, Rev. Lester M. Worthey, All Saints', Moyamensing.

5—Tuesday, Rev. Charles F. Ehly, Incarnation, Drexel Hill.

6—Wednesday, Rev. Vincent F. Pottle, D.D., Philadelphia Divinity School.

7—Thursday, Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

8—Friday, Rev. Frank Bonynge, Holy Communion.

11—Monday, Rev. George W. Perkins, The Emmanuel (Methodist)

12—Tuesday, Rev. Edmund B. Wood, St. Timothy's, Roxborough.

13—Wednesday, Rev. Charles H. Long, D.D., Sec. of the Diocese.

14—Thursday, Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D., Seamen's Church Institute.

15—Good Friday, Rev. John Craig Roak, D.D., Rector. THE THREE HOURS—12 to 3.

Girls' Friendly Society

Annual Festival Service

This year the Annual Festival Service is different in at least two ways—it is to be held on Sunday afternoon, rather than a weekday evening, April 24th at 2:30 P.M. in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, and it will embrace the entire Society from Juniors to Sponsors in one large service, instead of two occasions. A. G. F. S. vested Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Chapline, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough will supply the music and the offering will be for the maintenance of the G. F. S. worker in China, Violet Phinney. The Choir will sing the Chinese National Anthem. All Branches are urged to have a large attendance for this annual festival service of thanksgiving for the many blessings of our association and work together.

The Oxford Market May 14th 2 to 8 p.m.

The annual Spring outdoor event of the G. F. S. in this Diocese for the benefit of the Diocesean Treasury will be held again this year, after a lapse of three or four years, at Trinity Oxford Community Centre, Rising Sun Avenue and Disston Street, a point easy of access and "rain or shine" equipped. The Market will be a veritable beehive of interest and activity with many, many intriguing as well as delicious and useful items on its many stalls—cake and candy, groceries, ice cream, "hot dogs" and soft drinks, useful articles, costume jewelry and leather goods, and many another browsing spot including the white elephant table with perhaps the very thing you have been seeking for many a day. Exciting grabs will please the kiddies and fortune tellers lend the allure of the future. Remember the tin-type man at Sabine Farm last year, well, we expect him too.

Prizes will be awarded to contestants in the Junior Contest sponsored by the Senior Club and all work will be on exhibition at the Market.

Of course, almost without saying, supper will be served, cafeteria style, from a list of most delicious home-cooked dishes and the event will close with dancing in the gymnasium.

A grand day for everyone, so everyone come!

37th Junior Contest Sponsored by the Senior Club

Yes, this year marks the 37th consecutive contest for Juniors of the G. F. S. sponsored by the Senior Club! Notices have been sent to all Junior Groups by the Chairman, Miss Ada Baur, inviting all juniors to enter a composition on China Missions, or submit a Poster on the subject; to enter a piece of plain sewing, or knitting, or crocheting, or to send an article of handicraft which they are making in their Groups. The Senior Club hopes all groups will enter and make this the best ever in contest history.

Philadelphia Divinity School

On Thursday, February 24, St. Matthias' Day, the Service of Dedication was held for the new Organ in St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel at the School. The Dean, the Very Rev. Frank D. Gifford, Ph.D., S.T.D., read the Dedication Prayers, including one in memory of the late Dr. Herbert J. Tily, by whose generous gift the Organ was acquired and installed in the Chapel.

Dr. Tily was an outstanding merchant, having been President of the Strawbridge & Clothier Store, but was better known as one of the leading Composers and Organists of the country. For many years he was the leading spirit in the Bach Festival held in the city of Bethlehem, Pa.

The Organ now placed in the Chapel is an Estey Two-Manual Organ which was formerly in Dr. Tily's home. The Service was preceded by an Organ Recital by Newell Robinson, F.A.G.O. (chm), Instructor in Music and Voice at the School, who was in charge of Music at the General Convention. The preacher at the Dedication Service was the Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.

The Book Hour held in the Library of the Philadelphia Divinity School has become more and more popular, not only with the clergy of the Diocese, but also with the laity. Even the boys of the Episcopal Academy have become interested through reading notices of the Book Hour in THE CHURCH NEWS.

On February 23, 1949 the Reverend Marion L. Matics, of St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, gave an interesting review of the book, *The Architectural Setting of Anglican Worship* by G. W. O. Addleshaw and Frederick Etchells. The book, in reality, is history of church architecture not only in England, but also on the Continent from the time of the Reformation to the present day.

Mr. Matics spoke, too, of another book. *Stuart and Georgian Churches*, by Marcus Whiffen.

The review brought forth a lively discussion as to the present condition of church architecture and as to what will be the architecture of the churches in the future.

EARLY MORNING PARISH MISSION

For several successive years the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, has included in its Lenten program an Early Morning Mission. The Mission lasts for a week, Monday through Friday, and is conducted by the Rector himself in his pastoral relation with his people. The program is as follows:

7 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. Holy Communion.
7:25 to 7:29 a.m. for private devotions.
7:30 to 7:45 a.m. breakfast, during which a book of devotion or instruction is read.
7:45 to 8 a.m. opportunity for introduction, fellowship and conversation.
8 a.m. to 8:23 a.m. devotional address and prayers in the Church.

The Early Morning Mission is growing in popularity. Several of those who come to the Mission have to leave their homes before 5:30 a.m. in order to be at the Church by 7:30, but their appreciation is enthusiastic—"the most worthwhile thing I have ever done" is the way several have expressed themselves.

When the Rector was questioned on the project, he said "It's the best time of day for a mission. No one is entertaining at that time of morning, and even the movies are not open. The devout-minded like a form of self-denial that produces spiritual results. I think other parishes might find the scheme helpful. Our motto is 'They who seek Me early shall find Me.'"

EPISCOPAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

The Episcopal Evangelical Fellowship recently held a successful Regional Conference at Christ Church. The conference began with an evening service commemorating the 400th anniversary of the first English Book of Common Prayer. The Rev. Charles D. Kean, of Kirkwood, Missouri, president of the E. E. F., preached. Dr. Kean warned against celebrating the anniversary of the Prayer Book in an exclusive spirit contrary to the bold and

experimental inclusiveness of its editors. An exhibit of historic prayer books was shown, including those amended by Dr. William White, Rector of Christ Church, at the time of the revolution.

On Monday, the conference met in Neighborhood House to transact business and hear addresses by the president, Dr. Kean, the Rev. Gardiner M. Day, of Christ Church, Cambridge, Mass., Mr. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese, and the Very Rev. Robert F. Gibson, Bishop Suffragan-Elect of Virginia. Mr. Day led discussion on matters which will come before the General Convention this year. Mr. McCracken discussed the present marriage canon, and his remarks were seconded by the Rt. Rev. Wallace J. Gardner, Bishop of New Jersey, and by Bishop Hart. Dean Gibson's paper on the Christian Ministry aroused much interest. He said that the doctrine of the ministry is properly subordinate to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Church, and not *vice versa*.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Following a tradition of 22 years, the World Day of Prayer was held on the first Friday in Lent. Nearly one thousand churches in the Philadelphia area observed the day with 125 community services being held. Parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which were hosts for some of these services included: St. Mary's, Ardmore; St. Luke's, Bustleton; Calvary, Conshohocken; Holy Comforter, Aronimink; St. Matthew's, 18th & Girard Avenue; Advent, Hatboro; All Saints', Norristown; St. James, Kingsessing; St. Michael's, Yeadon. Our own Mrs. William H. Jefferys was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Y.P.F. PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Under the leadership of Captain Fred M. Nussbaum, advisor, the spring meeting of the Provincial Executive Council of the Young People's Fellowship of the Province of Washington, recently held a two-day session at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne. Those in attendance were entertained in Lansdowne homes. The registration was held on Saturday at 1 P.M., followed by afternoon and evenings sessions and compline at 10 P.M. Sunday there was a corporate communion at 8 A.M., followed by breakfast and further business meetings. Plans were discussed for the 1949 All Youth Conference of the province to be held from May 20 to 22 at Camp Hilltop, Downingtown, Pa. The theme of the conference will be "Evangelism."

CO-OPERATION

Right Reverend Oliver P. Hart
202 South 19th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.
Right Reverend and dear Bishop:

Thank you for your kind letter of comment on "The Greatest Story Ever Told," which *The Bulletin* is printing serially during Lent.

It is personally very reassuring to me as Religious Editor of *The Bulletin* to receive the fine letters of comment from so many religious leaders.

If we of the secular press can have even a small part in the great work that you are doing, it is a high honor.

With our best wishes for success in your work, I am,

Sincerely yours,
HARRISON W. FRY
Religious Editor
The Evening Bulletin

LAY EVANGELISM

Richardson Wright, Editor of "House and Garden" will be the speaker at a Diocesan Meeting, under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism, in The Church of The Holy Trinity on Thursday evening, April 21st. at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Wright is Internationally known as a writer on horticulture and his religious "Tracts" have had a wide-spread circulation and use. He is one of the most active and devoted laymen of the Church and out of his own experience he will present the needs and opportunities for lay people to do more individual work in their own Parishes and he will explain how men and women can be brought into the fellowship of the Church.

The choir of St. Augustine's Church will assist in the Service.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The opening service of The 165th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese will be held at 5 P.M., by order of the Convention of 1948, on May 2, 1949, in the Church of The Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia.

A Diocesan Mass Meeting will be held in the Church of The Holy Trinity, May 2nd, at 8 P.M., when the Bishop will read his Annual Address to the Convention and others will speak.

The Canons require that—Certificates of lay deputies be sent as soon as elected to the Secretary, 202 So. 19th Street, Philadelphia 3. All proposed amendments to the Constitutions and Canons be filed with the Secretary not later than April 3rd, 30 days prior to the Convention. Nominations to offices to be filled by the Convention be made on the Preliminary Ballot to be sent out 30 days prior to the Convention, or from the floor of the House on May 2nd, or handed to the Secretary in writing. Committee reports, to be printed and distributed, should be given to the Secretary not later than April 2nd. All reports of Officers, Boards, Trustees, Institutions, etc., be filed with the Secretary not later than April 11th 3 weeks prior to the Convention. Names and addresses of vestrymen—Please send list to the Rev. Charles H. Long, D.D., Secretary to the Bishop.

The date for the election of a second Suffragan was fixed by the January meeting of Convention to be May 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Be sure that you qualify to vote May 2. Deputies that do not have the right

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The Rev. William H. Jefferys and the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas with Dr. Charles R. Nichols, principal of Germantown High School at annual Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass program in interest of Brotherhood held in the school auditorium February 11th.

to vote May 3 cannot vote on May 11 for Suffragan Bishop. May 11 is to be an adjourned meeting and not a Special Convention.

CHARLES H. LONG
Secretary of Convention

ORDINATIONS

The Rev. Robert M. Baur, assistant at Christ Church, Second Street, was advanced to the priesthood in that Church on February 25th by Bishop Hart. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. Felix Kloman and the sermon was preached by the Rev. William H. Jefferys. A native of Erie, Pa., Mr. Baur graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in June 1948, and began his work at Christ Church, where he will continue as assistant.

The Rev. Robert Sheeran, Deacon-in-charge of St. Andrew's Mission, West Manayunk, was advanced to the Priesthood in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill on March 19th by Bishop Hart. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Philemon F. Sturges and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Edmund B. Wood. Mr. Sheeran will continue his present work until his graduation from the Philadelphia Divinity School in June, when he expects to begin missionary work in the district of Honolulu.

Mr. Harry Secker, a seminary student, has joined the staff of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, on a part-time basis. During Lent the Rt. Rev. Harwood Sturtevant, Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and the Rt. Rev. Alfred E. Banyard, Suffragan Bishop of New Jersey, were among the visiting preachers. Hearing aids have been made available in this parish for those who need them.

St. Paul's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society recently held a dinner to mark the 50th Anniversary of Miss Margaret C. Maule as leader of the branch.

The annual dinner of the Men's Club of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, on Washington's Birthday, was dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the rector, the Rev. Arthur Murray.

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Mrs. Katherine Leckie Harding who died on August 13, 1948 provided in her Will that St. James Church should receive her residence at 7033 Grays Ave. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harding had been devoted members of St. James for many years. The house will be sold and the proceeds added to the Endowment Fund as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Harding.

Other interesting items culled from *The Parish Family Letter* of this vigorous old parish:

The Vestry has had all the trees in the Church Yard pruned. The electrical wiring in the Church has been changed. A switch board has been placed in the vestibule so that lights can be controlled for the greater comfort of the Congregation. Flood lights have been placed in the transepts to illuminate the pulpit and the lectern. New lights have been placed in the Sanctuary. The Men's Club have secured another billiard table. The old one will be placed in the basement for use of the young people. Miss Helen Voerge, a student at the Divinity School preparing for educational work in the Church, is assisting in the Sunday School. She is serving as teacher for the Seventh Grade Boys during the Spring Semester. At the January Commencement exercises of the John Bartram High School a student read a paper "Our Debt to the Past." The author paid a fine tribute to this oldest of West Philadelphia Churches, noting its great contribution to the life of the community since its founding, and its many good works to-day.

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IN GOD'S KEEPING

Mrs. Joseph I. Doris, assistant organist at the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, and president of a women's guild in that parish, died on Fberuary 6th.

Mrs. Mary T. Bomberger, whose son is rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, died on February 1st at the age of 91. She was a member of All Saints' Church, Norristown, where burial service was held.

Mr. Henry A. Ansell, vice president of the Seamen's Church Institute, formerly president of the Seamen's Friends Society, died on February 11th and was buried on February 14th by the Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Superintendent and Chaplain of the Institute.

Mrs. A. Elizabeth Sweeney, said to have been the first child baptized in St. Peter's Church, Germantown, died on February 15th and was buried from that Church on February 19th.

Dr. T. S. Stewart, secretary of the vestry of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, died on February 19th and was buried from that Church on February 22nd.

The Rev. Erskine Wright, a retired priest, died after a long illness at St. Andrew, Tennessee, on February 18th. He was a native of Philadelphia, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and was ordained by Bishop Whitaker in 1896. He was assistant at St. Clement's Church from 1896 to 1899, later serving at Danville, Pa., Rockport, Me., and in Tennessee.

Dr. Adolph E. Voegelin, a physician, died in Detroit, Mich., on February 22nd. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists and at one time served as choirmaster and organist of the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets.

Mr. Charles E. Reinicker, a vestryman of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, died on February 28th and was buried in St. Luke's Churchyard on March 2nd.

Mr. Thomas G. Hawkes, lawyer, banker, and Churchman, died at his home in Bristol on March 8, and was buried on March 12. He was the brother of the Rev. Jessie H. Hawkes and the late George B. Hawkes.

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Bishop Hart will officiate at the presentation of a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Josiah Pilmore to the City Mission on Wednesday, April 20th at 3 P. M. The portrait was painted as a commission of the Society of the Sons of St. George in the early 19th century by Neagle, a well known American painter who also was son-in-law of Thomas Sully. Dr. Pilmore, who was born in Yorkshire, was rector of St. Paul's at the time of his death in 1825. He joined our Society in 1791. Upon his death he bequeathed half his estate to the Episcopal Church and the other half to this Society. When the Society recently sold its headquarters it was thought appropriate that Dr. Pilmore's portrait should be hung in the building of his old church. Dr. Collins accepted the offer and the picture will be "loaned" indefinitely to the Mission. This Society was established in 1772 by the Rev. Dr. Richard Peters, rector of Christ Church and members of the congregation for the purpose of rendering advice and assistance to Englishmen in distress. It has and has had among its members, many communicants and clergymen of the Episcopal Church.

SPRING SERVICE FOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King, a national organization of women of the Episcopal Church, which follows rules of prayer and service similar to those of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has several active Chapters in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The spring service for the Diocesan Chapters will be held at St. James Church, Bristol, Saturday, May 21st. It is anticipated that about 100 members will be in attendance. There will be a service in the church, followed by a business session and dinner in the parish house.

ST. CYRIL'S MISSION, COATESVILLE

The Rev. Walter P. H. Parker, in addition to his duties as vicar of Ascension Mission, West Chester, where plans are under way for the construction of a new church, is also vicar of St. Cyril's Mission, Coatesville. The report of his work in the latter mission is given herewith.

During the past year to fifteen months the following activities and accomplishments have been made by a revitalized and active congregation at St. Cyril's Chapel, Coatesville. Improvements to the property and furnishings of the Chapel have included the purchase of a new Estey electrified reed organ; the replacement of an unattractive coal stove by a modern oil space heater with circulator fan attached; the placing of attractive siding of a simulated grey-stone design over the wooden frame of the Chapel for the purposes of both insulation and better outside appearance; the laying of a 62 foot long cement walk from the door of the Chapel through the lawn to the pavement of the sidewalk; and, the acquisition of four complete sets of linens for the Communion vessels. By way of interesting and worthwhile activities these may be noted. During the year three organizations of the community have requested and held (under the direction of the Vicar) Vesper Services in the Chapel. A young people's organization numbering 51 persons and with from 25 to 30 meeting regularly twice a month is now sponsored by the Chapel. The Woman's Auxiliary in addition to their regular monthly meeting meet one evening each week and have to date made over 1,000 seat pads for the patients of the nearby Veterans Hospital. The most recent activity has been a Church Supper which resulted in net proceeds of over $100.00.

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